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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN JOSE DIVISION

ZHONG ZHANG,
 JIE MA,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, Director of the U.S.
 Citizenship and Immigration Services;
 ALBERTO R. GONZALES, as Attorney General
 of the United States;
 MICHAEL CHERTOFF, in his Official Capacity,
 Secretary, United States Department of Homeland
 Security,

Defendants.

No. C 07-2754 RS

**PARTIES' JOINT REQUEST TO BE
 EXEMPT FROM FORMAL ADR
 PROCESS**

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them.

Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this mandamus action is limited to plaintiffs' request that this Court compel defendants to adjudicate the applications for adjustment of status. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any

1 potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax
2 court resources.

3 Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the
4 ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone
5 conference and any further formal ADR process.

6 Dated: August 17, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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13 Dated: August 17, 2007

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16 **ORDER**

17 Pursuant to stipulation and to ADR L. R. 3-3(c), the parties are hereby removed from the
18 ADR Multi-Option Program and are excused from participating in the ADR phone conference and
19 any further formal ADR process.

20 **SO ORDERED.**

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22 Date:

23 RICHARD SEEBORG
United States Magistrate Judge